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Dear Governor Edwards,

I am very concerned about Representative Lance Harris's proposal for budget reductions that includes a proposed 28 million dollar reduction to the MFP for this fiscal year. Cuts to local districts would be very problematic as we face increased costs to operate our schools at a time when the state legislature has already reduced state funding for public education in the current fiscal year. This is the first time in our history that serious proposals have been made to actually reduce funding for public education through the MFP. With so few months left to this school year, cuts to the MFP could cause issues with staff for the remainder of the school year as well as programs that provide our students with the resources needed to improve their academic achievement level. With Louisiana at 48th or 49th in the nation in education (depending on the source) we are hoping that you will do whatever you can to make sure that these proposed cuts to the MFP do not happen! I will also be contacting my legislators and Representative Lance Harris to ask that we put our Children's education first in Louisiana and fully fund the MFP.

Sincerely,

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